

HOUSE BILL 686

By Richardson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
relative to children 18 years of age and older who
are aging out of custody of the department of
children's services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following new section thereto:

The department of children's services shall review the status of any person who
has reached the age of eighteen (18) who is in the legal custody of the department and
whose last commitment is based on an adjudication of dependent and neglected, unruly,
delinquent, or in need of services under § 37-1-175 to determine if the person wishes to
remain in the care of the department in order to complete high school or other
educational training or for the purpose of receiving other services. If the person chooses
to remain in the care of the department, the department shall continue to provide
services to such person until the person reaches the age of twenty-one (21) or until the
person no longer wishes to receive such services, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-106, is amended by deleting
subdivisions (a)(20) and (a)(21) in their entirety.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.